
Digest of Other White House Announcements

The following list includes the President's public schedule and other items of general interest announced by the Office of the Press Secretary and not included elsewhere in this issue.

April 19

In the morning, at Camp David, MD, the President had an intelligence briefing.

April 20

In the afternoon, the President and Mrs. Bush returned to Washington, DC.

April 21

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. He then traveled to New Orleans, LA, where, upon arrival, he met with USA Freedom Corps volunteer Audrey Browder.

Later in the morning, the President traveled to the Windsor Court Hotel.

In the evening, the President traveled to Commander's Palace restaurant, where he participated in a dinner and entertainment with President Felipe de Jesus Calderon Hinojosa of Mexico and Prime Minister Stephen Harper of Canada. Later, he returned to the Windsor Court Hotel.

The White House announced that the President will meet with King Abdullah II of Jordan at the White House on April 23.

April 22

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he traveled to Dooky Chase's Restaurant, where he had breakfast with President Felipe de Jesus Calderon Hinojosa of Mexico and Prime Minister Stephen Harper of Canada. Then, he traveled to Gallier Hall, where he met with the North American Competitiveness Council.

In the afternoon, the President traveled to Lafayette Square, where he, President Calderon, and Prime Minister Harper participated in a tree planting ceremony in honor of Earth Day. Later, he traveled to Baton Rouge, LA, where, upon arrival, he met with USA Freedom Corps volunteer Randy Raggio. Then, at a private residence, he attended a Kennedy Majority Committee reception.

Later in the afternoon, the President returned to Washington, DC, arriving in the evening.

The President announced the designation of the following individuals as members of a Presidential delegation to Belfast, Northern Ireland, to attend the U.S.-Northern Ireland Investment Conference: Paula J. Dobriansky (head of delegation); Robert H. Tuttle; Thomas C. Foley; Michael R. Bloomberg; David Scott; and Catherine Brune.

The President announced his intention to nominate C. Steven McGann to be Ambassador to Fiji, Kiribati, Nauru, Tonga, and Tuvalu.

The President announced his intention to nominate Christine O. Hill to be Assistant Secretary of Veterans Affairs (Congressional Affairs).

The President announced his intention to nominate Jeffrey Leigh Sedgwick to be Assistant Attorney General (Office of Justice Programs) at the Department of Justice.

The President announced his intention to nominate T. Vance McMahan to be an Alternate Representative of the United States to the Sessions of the United Nations General Assembly during his tenure of service as the U.S. Representative on the Economic and Social Council to the United Nations.

April 23

In the morning, in the Private Dining Room, the President had breakfast with King Abdullah II of Jordan. Later, he had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, in the Oval Office, the President met with Johns Hopkins Hospital organ donors and recipients. Later, also in the Oval Office, he participated in a photo opportunity with recipients of the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award.

April 24

In the morning, the President had a telephone conversation with President-elect Fernando Lugo of Paraguay to congratulate him on his April 21 election victory and discuss Paraguay-U.S. relations. He then had an intelligence briefing.

The President announced his intention to nominate Kristen Silverberg to be Representative of the United States to the European Union, with the rank and status of Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary.

The President announced his intention to nominate Lyndon L. Olson, Jr., to be a member of the U.S. Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy.

The President announced his intention to appoint Victor Davis Hanson as a member of the American Battle Monuments Commission.

The President declared an emergency in Ohio and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local response efforts in the area struck by record snow and near record snow from March 7–9.

April 25

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, in the Oval Office, he participated in a signing ceremony for the Malaria Awareness Day Proclamation. He then traveled to Hartford, CT, where, upon arrival, he met with USA Freedom Corps volunteers Kevin Eberly, Jr., and Joe Lapenta.

In the afternoon, the President traveled to South Kent, CT, where, at a private residence, he attended a David Cappiello for Congress and Connecticut Victory 2008 luncheon. Later, he returned to Washington, DC.

The President announced his intention to designate Clay Lowery as Acting U.S. Director of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development and Acting U.S. Director of the African Development Bank.

The President announced his intention to designate David Reid Murtaugh as Acting Deputy Director for State, Local and Tribal Affairs in the Office of National Drug Control Policy.

The President announced that he has named Robert R. Hood as Special Assistant to the President for Legislative Affairs.

The President announced that he has named Richard Graham Foote O'Donoghue as Associate Counsel to the President.

Nominations Submitted to the Senate

The following list does not include promotions of members of the Uniformed Services, nominations

to the Service Academies, or nominations of Foreign Service officers.

Submitted April 23

Christine O. Hill,
of Georgia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Veterans Affairs (Congressional Affairs), vice Thomas E. Harvey, resigned.

C. Steven McGann,
of New York, a career member of the Senior Foreign Service, class of Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of the Fiji Islands, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Nauru, the Kingdom of Tonga, Tuvalu, and the Republic of Kiribati.

T. Vance McMahan,
of Texas, to be an Alternate Representative of the United States of America to the Sessions of the General Assembly of the United Nations, during his tenure of service as Representative of the United States of America on the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations.

Jeffrey Leigh Sedgwick,
of Massachusetts, to be an Assistant Attorney General, vice Regina B. Schofield, resigned.

Submitted April 24

Kristen Silverberg,
of Texas, to be Representative of the United States of America to the European Union, with the rank and status of Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary.

Lyndon L. Olson, Jr.,
of Texas, to be a member of the U.S. Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy for a term expiring July 1, 2008, vice Harold C. Pachios, term expired.

Withdrawn April 24

C. Boyden Gray,
of the District of Columbia, to be Representative of the United States of America to the